IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An apparatus for receiving image files of images to be presented to an audience during a presentation by a speaker according to image display commands issued by the speaker using a presentation system, the apparatus comprising:

a storage device configured to store the image files received from a transmitting side apparatus to be operated and arranged at a site of the presentation, the image files being given in advance prescribed priority levels based on attributes of the image files;

a monitoring unit configured to monitor a state of storing the image files in the storage device; and

a storing state changing unit configured to select image files of which storing states are to be changed according to the priority levels and to change at least a part of storing states of the image files stored in the storage device, when the monitoring unit detects that storing of one image file that is currently received or scheduled to be received from the transmitting side apparatus is impossible, so as to make the storing of the one image file into the storing device possible.

Claim 2 (Original): The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

a notification unit configured to notify changes in the storing states made by the storing state changing unit to the transmitting side apparatus when the storing state changing unit changed the storing states.

Claim 3 (Original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the monitoring unit monitors the state of storing the image files in the storage device by checking a vacant capacity in the storing device.

Claim 4 (Original): The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the monitoring unit also notifies information indicating the vacant capacity in the storage device to the transmitting side apparatus.

Claim 5 (Original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the storing state changing unit changes the storing states by deleting at least a part of the image files stored in the storage device, or compressing at least a part of the image files stored in the storage device and re-storing compressed image files into the storage device, or contracting images of at least a part of the image files stored in the storage device and re-storing image files of contracted images into the storage device.

Claim 6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A method for receiving image files of images to be presented to audience during a presentation by a speaker according to image display commands issued by the speaker using a presentation system, the method comprising:

storing the image files received from a transmitting side apparatus to be operated and arranged at a site of the presentation, into a storage device, the image files being given in advance prescribed priority levels based on attributes of the image files;

monitoring a state of storing the image files in the storage device; and

selecting image files of which storing states are to be changed according to the priority levels, when the monitoring detects that storing of one image file that is currently received or scheduled to be received from the transmitting side apparatus is impossible, so as to make the storing of the one image file into the storing device possible; and

changing at least a part of storing states of the image files ~~stored in the storage device,~~ ~~when the monitoring step detects that storing of one image file that is currently received or~~ ~~scheduled to be received from the transmitting side apparatus is impossible, so as to make the~~ ~~storing of the one image file into the storing device possible~~ <u>selected by the selecting</u>.

Claim 8 (Original): The method of claim 7, further comprising:

notifying changes in the storing states made by the changing step to the transmitting side apparatus when the changing step changed the storing states.

Claim 9 (Original): The method of claim 7, wherein the monitoring step monitors the state of storing the image files in the storage device by checking a vacant capacity in the storing device.

Claim 10 (Original): The method of claim 9, wherein the monitoring step also notifies information indicating the vacant capacity in the storage device to the transmitting side apparatus.

Claim 11 (Original): The method of claim 7, wherein the changing step changes the storing states by deleting at least a part of the image files stored in the storage device, or compressing at least a part of the image files stored in the storage device and re-storing compressed image files into the storage device, or contracting images of at least a part of the image files stored in the storage device and re-storing image files of contracted images into the storage device.

Claim 12 (Canceled).

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A computer program product for causing a computer to function as an apparatus for receiving image files of images to be presented to audience during a presentation by a speaker according to image display commands issued by the speaker using a presentation system, the computer program product comprising:

a first computer program code for causing the computer to store the image files received from a transmitting side apparatus to be operated and arranged at a site of the presentation, the image files being given in advance prescribed priority levels based on attributes of the image files;

a second computer program code for causing the computer to monitor a state of storing the image files in the storage device; ~~and~~

a third computer program code for ~~causing the computer to change at least a part of storing states of the image files stored in the storage device,~~ selecting image files of which storing states are to be changed according to the priority levels, when the second computer program code detects that storing of one image file that is currently received or scheduled to be received from the transmitting side apparatus is impossible, so as to make the storing of the one image file into the storing device possible; and

a fourth computer program code for causing the computer to change at least a part of storing states of the image files selected by the third computer program code.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A presentation system in which images are to be presented to audience during a presentation by a speaker according to image display commands issued by the speaker, the presentation system comprising:

a transmitting side apparatus configured to transmit image files of the images to be presented to the audience;

a receiving side apparatus configured to receive the image files from the transmitting side apparatus and present the images of the image files to the audience according to the image display commands issued by the speaker, the receiving side apparatus having:

a storage device configured to store the image files received from the transmitting side apparatus to be operated and arranged at a site of the presentation, the image files being given in advance prescribed priority levels based on attributes of the image files;

a monitoring unit configured to monitor a state of storing the image files in the storage device; and

a storing state changing unit configured to select image files of which storing states are to be changed according to the priority levels and to change at least a part of storing states of the image files stored in the storage device, when the monitoring unit detects that storing of one image file that is currently received or scheduled to be received from the transmitting side apparatus is impossible, so as to make the storing of the one image file into the storing device possible.

Claim 15 (Original): The presentation system of claim 14, wherein the receiving side apparatus also has:

a notification unit configured to notify changes in the storing states made by the storing state changing unit to the transmitting side apparatus when the storing state changing unit changed the storing states.

Claim 16 (Original): The presentation system of claim 14, wherein the monitoring unit monitors the state of storing the image files in the storage device by checking a vacant capacity in the storing device.

Claim 17 (Original): The presentation system of claim 16, wherein the monitoring unit also notifies information indicating the vacant capacity in the storage device to the transmitting side apparatus.

Claim 18 (Original): The presentation system of claim 14, wherein the storing state changing unit changes the storing states by deleting at least a part of the image files stored in the storage device, or compressing at least a part of the image files stored in the storage device and re-storing compressed image files into the storage device, or contracting images of at least a part of the image files stored in the storage device and re-storing image files of contracted images into the storage device.

Claim 19 (Canceled).